

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

LUSAN RAHMAN,

Petitioner,

vs.

CATHERINE CORTEZ-MASTO, *et al.*,

Respondents.

2:13-cv-01334-GMN-GWF

**ORDER**

This action is a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, by a Nevada state prisoner represented by counsel.

On June 12, 2014, through counsel, petitioner filed an amended petition and exhibits. (ECF Nos. 26-30). Petitioner has brought a motion for leave file a document under seal. (ECF No. 31). Petitioner seeks to file under seal a presentence report containing confidential information regarding petitioner. The presentence report was submitted under seal for *in camera* review. (ECF No. 30).

There is a strong presumption in favor of public access to judicial filings and documents. *See Nixon v. Warner Communication, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978); *see also Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006); *Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1134 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003). The court has inherent power over its own records and files, and access may be denied where the court determines that the documents may be used for improper purposes.” *Nixon v. Warner Comm., Inc.*, 435 U.S. at 598; *Hagestad v. Tragesser*, 49 F.3d 1430, 1433-34 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995); *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006).

The presentence report of petitioner was submitted in support of the amended petition.

1 In the instant case, the presentence report (ECF No. 30) contains confidential information  
2 concerning petitioner, as defined under NRS 176.156. Petitioner has made an adequate  
3 showing of compelling reasons to keep the presentence report sealed. Accordingly, the Court  
4 grants petitioner's motion to seal this document.

5 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that petitioner's motion to seal (ECF No. 31) the  
6 presentence report (ECF No. 30) is **GRANTED**. The Clerk of Court shall keep this  
7 document filed under seal.

8 **DATED** this 24th day of June, 2014.

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12 Gloria M. Navarro, Chief Judge  
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